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## UGLY CALCUTTA SCENES Street Barricades: Americans Injured

### CHIANG ARRIVES IN SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI, Feb. 12. — GENERALissimo CHIANG KAI-SHANG arrived in Shanghai today on his first visit to the city since the outbreak of the SINO-JAPANESE WAR IN 1937.

He was met by a large number of officials and members of the press. Chiang, who arrived in a few days' time, is expected to stay in Shanghai for some time. He is believed to be in good health and is expected to be active in the government's affairs.

### Hitler Baby Tale Revived

(By Jack Edmond).  
BAD GODESBURG, Feb. 12. — A NEW YEAR'S EVE TALK BY ADOLF HITLER TO HIS SON, A NURSING HOME AT SAN REMO IN ITALY, AFTER NOT HAVING BEEN TAKEN HER USUAL DRIVES IN BERLIN FOR A MONTH OR SO.

IT WAS CONTRADICTION almost immediately by the Japanese Ambassador, who, summoning the correspondents to him, informed them that what they had been told was incorrect. He demanded that they give their word of honour that the story would go no further and particularly that it should not be published on any of their foreign press colleagues.

Dr. Minoru Kato, at that time chief correspondent in Berlin of the Tokyo "Nishi Nishi," either decided to break the vow of silence or felt that it was only binding as long as the original news was incorrect. At any rate, he went out of his way to satisfy himself one way or another in the next 48 hours.

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### Girl Of Nineteen Takes Lysol

A Chinese girl, aged about 19, who registered herself at the Kam Toi Boarding House in Nathan Road as Le Yeh-chun, was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital last night at 7.20 p.m., suffering from the effects of Lysol, believed to have been administered. She died shortly after admission.

### Police Open Fire On Rioters

CALCUTTA, Feb. 12. — FOUR PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND SEVENTEEN TAKEN TO HOSPITAL WITH INJURIES WHEN THE POLICE OPENED FIRE ON CROWDS TODAY.

THREE OF THOSE WHO DIED WERE HIT BY BULLETS IN THE BHOJANIPUR AREA IN SOUTH CALCUTTA, WHERE CROWDS HAD ERECTED CRUDE BARRICADES AND THREW STONES.

### British Policy On Spain

LONDON, Feb. 12. — Great Britain "is ready" to take all political steps in order to restore a democratic and constitutional regime in Spain, the Foreign Office was told by Hector MacNeill, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Foreign Office.

The United States, Great Britain and France "are in close touch and there seems to be no purpose in holding a special tripartite meeting to deal with the matter," he told a questioner.

An United States officer, Flight-Lieutenant Horace J. Gabart, was attacked by a mob and sustained a fractured arm before he was rescued by the United States Military Police.

The Muslim League leaders have called for a meeting today to decide on the "future course of action" and have appealed to everybody to keep calm.

### Czech Plan Runs Into Difficulties

PRAGUE, Feb. 12. — ALTHOUGH A QUARTER OF A MILLION GERMANS SHOULD HAVE LEFT CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN DECEMBER, IT IS DOUBTFUL WHETHER A SINGLE GERMAN HAS CROSSED THE FRONTIER.

Both the Russian and the American authorities in Germany, who are due to receive the Germans expelled from Czechoslovakia, have informed the Prague Government that they are not ready.

Meanwhile, faced with the tremendous task of getting the country's industries going again, the Czech authorities are finding that already the Republic is desperately short of workers of all kinds, labourers, skilled artisans, mechanics and capable managers.

In view of this situation, usually well-informed circles here indicate that as many as 1,000,000 Germans may be allowed to remain, including most

### BLACKMAIL CLUE TO TREASON

LONDON, Feb. 12. — DOCUMENTS IN A BLACKMAIL CHARGE AGAINST A YOUNG WOMAN, HEARD AT THE MARYLEBONE POLICE COURT ON OCTOBER 30 LAST, LED TO THE "MISTERY" IN THE CASE OF ALFRED HARRY REVELL, AN AVIATION ENGINEER, ROBERT WALTER PURDY BEING SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR TREASON.

He has since been reprieved. This was stated at the Old Bailey yesterday when the woman, Irene Betty Blaney, aged 31, was bound over for two years for attempting to extort twenty pounds from Purdy.

The case had been held over from previous sessions so that the treason charge could be dealt with. Yesterday, Gerald Howard, prosecuting, explained that the matter had been hanging over her head for a long time because it could not be made public.

He arranged to meet her at a public house. Meanwhile the police were informed and a policeman overheard her say that she wanted fifty pounds.

### Copyright In Speeches?

LONDON, Feb. 12. — Labourite members' questioning of former Prime Minister Churchill's right to sell secret wartime speeches he made in the House of Commons, for publication, brought an assertion yesterday from Prime Minister Clement Attlee upholding the right of any member to publish his speeches.

### ROBBER'S BIG HAUL

Four robbers, one armed with a revolver and three with daggers, held up Cheung Hoi-kim, proprietor of an import and export firm at No. 24, Bonham Strand East at about 11 o'clock yesterday and robbed him of over H.K.\$8,000 and about C.N.\$250,000.

### SABOTAGE SUSPECTED

Yennan, Feb. 12. — Two Communist members of the Chinese Political Consultative Council arrived here today on an American transport plane which landed with flat tyres.

### China Envoy Enigmatic

Washington, Feb. 12. — The Chinese Ambassador here, Mr. Wei Tiao-min, returned yesterday from Chungking where he has been conferring with government officials. Wei declined to make a statement. He said he would see President Truman and Secretary of State Byrnes in the course of the next few days and "then I may have something to say."

### DETENTION BARRACKS DISTURBANCE

North Allerton, Feb. 11. — A War Office enquiry is to be held into the disturbances over the week-end in the Northallerton Military Detention Barracks from which 30 men, serving long sentences (as up to 4 years) on Saturday.

### ONE GOVERNMENT FOR THE WORLD

NEW YORK, Feb. 12. — NEARLY 1,000 PERSONS HAVE PETITIONED PRESIDENT TRUMAN TO ASSUME LEADERSHIP IMMEDIATELY IN TRANSFORMING THE U.N.O. INTO "A TRUE WORLD GOVERNMENT" TO PREVENT DESTRUCTION OF CIVILISATION THROUGH ATOMIC WARFARE. THE WRITERS' BOARD SAID YESTERDAY.

The petition declared that it was the conviction of writers "that there can be no adequate military defence against the atomic bomb for protection of mankind against atomic energy used for destructive purposes and that there must be established effective and enforceable safeguards under rule of law."

The Writers' Board is headed by author Rex Stout. In the petition he asked American U.N.O. delegates "to institute such action as shall transform the U.N.O. into a world government without dangerous delay" and "we ask that should such action fail, you should at once invite governments of peoples of the world to hold a constitutional convention for the purpose of setting up a world government of those people which adhere thereto in full faith and hope that such world government shall within a short time comprise all peoples on earth."

### Team Walks Into Canton Brick Wall

CANTON, Feb. 12. — THE CANTON MOBILE FIELD TEAM SENT DOWN BY EXECUTIVE HEADQUARTERS IN PEIPING TO CARRY OUT CEASE-FIRE ORDERS BETWEEN THE NATIONALISTS AND COMMUNISTS WAS NEITHER MOBILE NOR IN THE FIELD, BECAUSE THE MILITARY HERE INSISTED THERE ARE NO COMMUNIST TROOPS IN KWANGTUNG AND KWANGSI.

The team composed of Colonel Paul R. Miller, field artillery U.S.A. of Buffalo, New York, Maj. Gen. Fang Hau, Communist representative, Major Huang Wei-chin, representing the Nationalists, a secretary and an interpreter.

## Far-Reaching Labour Scheme

LONDON, Feb. 12. — ACQUISITION OF BRITAIN'S 1,047 GAS COMPANIES AT A COST EXPECTED TO TOTAL ALMOST £300,000,000 AND THE FORMATION OF A GOVERNMENT BOARD TO WORK THE INDUSTRY UNDER PUBLIC OWNERSHIP IS PLANNED BY THE LABOUR GOVERNMENT.

THE LEGISLATION WILL PROBABLY BE INTRODUCED SOME TIME THIS YEAR. WHEN THE BILL HAS RECEIVED ROYAL ASSENT, THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE THE ONLY GAS SUPPLIER FOR THIS COUNTRY'S 11,200,000 CONSUMERS AND THE EMPLOYER OF 125,000 MEN AND WOMEN NOW WORKING FOR PRIVATE AND MUNICIPAL COMPANIES.

Some satellite industries are certain to be involved, but exact details of the nationalisation plans have not yet been disclosed. The British gas industry, the largest in Europe, uses 2,000,000 tons of coal a year. The Labour government's aim is to integrate its operations with the coal mining and electricity industries which are also scheduled for nationalisation. Ultimately, there will be a National Coal and Power Corporation to own and supervise all sections of the fuel and power industries. Under it will be two operating boards, one for coal and the other for gas and electricity.

These Boards will in turn delegate authority to regional Boards who will see to the distribution and generation of gas and provide "local" machinery for meeting the needs of specific areas. The current net value of the gas industry is estimated by the British Gas Council at about £181,000,000. According to Mr. Frank Jones, Chairman of the British Gas Council, "the cost of acquisition of all these undertakings is likely to be £272,000,000."

"The Government has announced its intention of nationalising the industry and the industry cannot take part in political controversy, and must accept the situation, as laid down."

### U.S. Gives Support On Indonesia

LONDON, Feb. 12. — THE UNITED STATES YESTERDAY OPPOSED THE RUSSIAN DEMAND FOR THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL TO UNDERTAKE AN INVESTIGATION ON CONDITIONS IN THE DUTCH EAST INDIES.

Dr. Edward Stettinius, said his Government feared that the action proposed might upset the Dutch efforts to establish peace in the islands and he believed the best thing would be to wind up the discussion in London leaving a settlement to direct negotiations between the Dutch Government and the Indonesian nationalists.

Dr. Stettinius asserted his belief that Russia and Russia's allies had not introduced sufficient evidence to show that a "constructive" approach would be served by an investigation under United Nations auspices. It would be inappropriate for us to express our belief that the terms of surrender, requiring the disarmament of Japanese in Java, may be carried out promptly.

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### BELGIAN ELECTIONS

Brussels, Feb. 12. — Political parties are claiming with increasing frankness that the vote in the general election in Belgium on February 17 will determine whether the country is to march in step with Moscow or the Western Allies.



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## Currency Hoax

Monday's coup by currency speculators requires a searching investigation. The first natural reaction to the story of how the trick was played was to evaluate it as a skillfully executed, ingenious and efficient piece of knavery, worthy of an honest cause. But a sneaking respect for the brain which inspired the coup and worked out the method with such meticulous regard for detail, does not alter the fact that fraud is a serious matter, and that this was a particularly dangerous type of fraud. Panic in currency could do grave damage in the Colony if it developed from good cause, and when it is deliberately, if only temporarily, incited, then no effort should be spared to bring the perpetrators to book. Monday's coup was a barefaced robbery of a large number of people, as much so as if the tricksters had held them up at the point of a pistol, and while there is a disposition to waste little sympathy on professional gamblers in currency, the circumstances (a widely published fake story) brought within the scope of the fraud many victims who could ill afford the loss. The outburst of a market by the circulation of rumours is an old dodge and there is little that can be done about it, but this incident comes within a different category, and the attempt to determine the responsibility must be pursued to the end. The public have as deep an interest in the result as the newspapers who were hoodwinked and the news agency whose credit was jeopardised.

## TRUNK SERVICE TO UN LO-46

Land traffic between Kowloon and Yuen Long, the chief centre in the New Territories, is at present maintained by a fleet of 20 motor trucks, each with a capacity of about 30 piculs. The trucks make the journey in about two hours, so that each one of them operates several round trips daily. In addition to vegetables, live stock and other goods, they carry passengers, and every day an average of 100 people travel by the trucks. The freight charge is about \$2 a picul, and passengers may from \$2.50 to \$3.00 a head a trip.

## CAPT. NELSON BACK

Captain D. B. Nelson, 2nd Gurkha Rifles, who was formerly well known in Hong Kong sporting circles, arrived in Hong Kong on Monday in the s.s. "Matiana" from Singapore. Captain Nelson, who was with Jarling, Matheson & Co. before the war, was a member of most of the sporting clubs here, including the Hong Kong Cricket Club and the Hong Kong Football Club.

## DETECTIVE SHOT

A 25-year-old unemployed Lo Min-chi, was charged before Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday with attempted murder of a Chinese detective Wan Cheung in Connaught Road Central near Ramsey Street on Dec. 16. It was alleged that accused shot the detective with a revolver on the Praya. The detective was discharged from hospital about a week ago. The case was adjourned until to-day for hearing to be fixed.

## PICKPOCKET CAOLED

Four months' hard labour was imposed on Chong Sui-man by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday for larceny of a Parker fountain pen from a Chinese in Queen Victoria Street near the Central Market on Monday. Inspector H. Bell said accused was caught in the act and was brought to the Station by complainant.

Pleadings were to a charge of unlawful possession of five seals of raw cotton. Shek Yee was sentenced to three months' detention by Mr. W. H. Lattin yesterday.

# Marines Sentenced On Armed Robbery Charges

THE NAVAL COURT MARTIAL ON BOARD M. V. AORANGI CONCLUDED YESTERDAY MORNING WHEN MARINES LEONARD MEERKS, IVEN DENIS ORAN AND JAMES EDWIN VIVIAN WERE FOUND GUILTY ON TWO CHARGES OF ARMED ROBBERY AT NO. 75 BONHAM STRAND EAST ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT.

MINE ORAN WAS SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS PENAL SERVITUDE AND MNE. MEERKS AND MNE. VIVIAN WERE EACH SENTENCED TO HARD LABOUR FOR TWO YEARS. DISMISSED FROM HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE, AND TO FORFEIT ALL PAY, HEAD MONEY, BOUNTIES, SAVAGE MONEY, PRIZE MONEY, ALLOWANCES, ANNUITIES, PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES.

The charges against accused were that they, on Christmas Day 1945, armed with revolvers robbed Van Shing of \$150 and a wrist watch at No. 75, Bonham Strand East, first floor, and robbed Wong Hing of \$20 and a pocket watch at the same place and on the same date.

The Court was composed of Captain V. N. Surtees, D.S.O., R.N., H.M.S. Nabatecher, president, Captain A. St. Clair Ford, D.S.O., Captain Escort, H.M.S. Commander M. Hodges, H.M.S. Tanker of York, Commander H. F. Morgan, H.M.S. Tanager, and Commander R. A. V. Greer, H.M.S. Tanager.

Lieut. Comdr. (S) Rawlins, R.N., was the Deputy Judge Advocate. The case for the prosecution was conducted by Capt. Gwiner and the accused were represented by Mr. Peter H. Sin, assisted by Lieut. R. C. Morgan, R.N.V.R. In addressing the Court, Capt. Gwiner said that in this case the three Chinese for the prosecution all identified the accused, both individually and collectively at the house, at the water steps, at the Police Station and in Court after two months. He submitted that the evidence established beyond any reasonable doubt that the accused were the men on Dec. 25.

Van Shing, who was menaced by the revolvers of Oran and Vivian who entered the flat a few minutes previously, was certain they were the men.

IDENTITY QUESTION Wong Kan was also there. He was shocked and alarmed at the presence of Europeans in the flat and the fire arms. He kept his face to the wall while the men searched and robbed the others.

It is certain that the Chinese followed the accused, who by threats of arms had robbed them of the valuables and money. They were kept in the chase and kept in pursuit of their quarry and thus followed the Marines who tried to elude them by going into an alley, and out etc.

The accused were followed to the waterfront and when they found that they could not dispose of their pursuers they threw their money, watches and arms into the water.

Marine Summerscales had initially declared he identified the men but later, under the skillful cross-examination of the defence counsel, withdrew this identification. But it was a fact that he considered accused to be the same as those he met at the end of the alley, while the three Chinese in the same crowd and not standing together at the time were quite definite on the subject, that accused were the same men who robbed them earlier on.

COINCIDENCE TOO GREAT He would remind the Court that Marine Summerscales was definite that the three Marines proceeded to the waterfront and that there were no other Marines in the area at the time. It was too great a coincidence that there were three Marines standing on the waterfront near the steps, money of the same denomination, stolen earlier, found floating in the harbour there in unusual circumstances and in the area where the culprits were arrested.

He submitted that the facts, especially of the definite and notorious identification of the Chinese, showed beyond all reasonable doubt that the accused before the Court were in fact responsible for the charges now made and that the three accused had concocted their story, and in one case amended the original statement to bring it into line with the others.

The fact that only two were seen with arms made no difference to the other. It was laid down that any person who, knowing and unlawfully, aids, abets, procures or counsels the commission of an offence is liable to be dealt with as the principal offender. He submitted again that he had proved the case against accused beyond any reasonable doubt.

DEFENCE CASE For the defence Mr. Sin said that in such cases it was absolutely necessary for the Court to be satisfied beyond reasonable doubt as to accused's guilt. It was not for accused to prove their case but for the prosecution.

Continuing, Mr. Sin said that the charges against accused were one of the most serious charges in law.

The evidence of Van Shing was timely and reliable and on that evidence it was unsafe to convict. The accused had elected to give evidence and be cross-examined as to the veracity and authenticity of their evidence. They had on oath contradicted the evidence of the crown in toto. The accused were subject to cross-examination by the prosecution but in spite of this the result was that their version has been unchallenged and unshakable in any part of it. Their account of their movements must be taken as true and authentic and had been solid and unassailable throughout.

In fact the evidence of Marines McLaren and Summerscales corroborated to the extent of the evidence of accused when they told the Court that accused, when met at the steps were calm and collected and not breathless.

FANTASTIC THEORIES Mr. Sin said that he would like to draw the attention of the Court to the fact that the three accused were entitled to be believed to the same extent as the three Chinese. The law says a man is innocent until and unless he is found guilty. The evidence of accused must be given the same weight as the evidence of the witnesses for the prosecution.

While it was alleged that the accused committed a daring robbery in a flat situated in a busy quarter of the town with revolvers and stole the money and articles mentioned, yet nothing was found on accused which would implicate any of them. The testimony of the Chinese was just fantastic theories. Accused had denied the story and from the start had adhered steadfastly to their own.

There was no doubt that a robbery had been committed and that the Chinese had chased the robbers. They were excited and gripped and when they met the accused at the stone steps they thought that these were the men and accused them.

Mr. Sin dwelt on the mentality of the witnesses and the difficulty of such Chinese identifying Europeans with accuracy, especially when all were dressed in blue, and more so in this case where they were excited and in a panic. It was impossible for them to identify the intruders.

Continuing, Mr. Sin said that the prosecution had stated that the Chinese had identified the accused as being in the house. His reply was that it was not possible to do so as they were seen there only for a short time.

TIME QUESTION No doubt the witnesses being good friends had chatted among themselves on the testimony they were going to give and made every endeavour that such should tally.

Another point he said was that all the witnesses put the time as between 8 and 8.15. How could people time was no object and from his own experiences some were often an hour out. This, he said, supported his view that the witnesses must have talked among themselves and fixed the exact time. He suggested that the version of the time factor story was too good to be true. Aided to

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## Canton River Mines Swept

Canton, Feb. 12. Having swept the Pearl River and estuary of mines, the British Navy is preparing charts on the water course for the benefit of merchant ships, that will help to restore normal trade conditions in Canton.

The city is badly in need of imported rice, coal and other necessities for trade revival, and transportation by water will solve the food and fuel shortages here.

The British Navy next will sweep the West Lamma channel.—Associated Press.

This accused were in the Police Station for over an hour and the Chinese had every chance to see accused.

Referring to the prosecutor's remarks, Mr. Sin said that with great respect, his learned friend had no right to say that accused had thrown the arms and money away during the chase. There was no evidence to show that anything was dumped and it was unfair to prejudge the minds of the Court. He asked the members to dismiss his remarks.

As regards Summerscales, he had never changed on any evidence of identification. He had told the truth under cross-examination. He had given a version of what he saw in a fair and unbiased manner.

AMENDED STATEMENT The notes were found in unusual circumstances but it was for the prosecution to connect accused with the circumstances. The prosecution had failed miserably to explain these unusual circumstances and it was not for the defence to do so. Accused knew nothing of the money, they had money of their own.

Regarding Vivian's amended statement, the amendment was in no great detail and there was nothing to worry about. But the three accused were detained in separate cells and had no opportunity to talk or communicate with one another. Vivian amended his statement and this galloped with the others.

In conclusion Mr. Sin said that the charges were too serious that he must ask the Court to be satisfied beyond all doubt that the accused were in fact the robbers, and that the evidence of accused be believed in its entirety. In a Court, suspicion, surmise and conjecture did not suffice.

He submitted that, after careful perusal of the evidence it would be found that there was no evidence upon which the Court could safely convict and asked for the acquittal of the accused.

## TENANT ABSENT

The tenant of No. 62, Castle Peak Road, the Yuen Loi Knitting Factory, was ordered to evict the premises yesterday by a Tribunal composed of Messrs. R. A. Silva, H. M. Shiu and K. T. Chung, the applicant being Poon Yat Lau. Opponent did not file any reply and was absent.

Another application, by Wong Sui Wan, of No. 51, Fook Wing Street, ground floor, was withdrawn. The opponent had moved out of the premises voluntarily.

# BIG BOMB DUG OUT AT SHAUKIWAN

A 500-POUND UNEXPLODED AMERICAN GENERAL PURPOSE BOMB WAS IMMUNISED AND REMOVED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON JUST BEFORE 4 P.M. BY THE ROYAL NAVAL BOMB DISPOSAL UNIT IN SHAUKIWAN ROAD JUST AT THE FOOT OF ISLAND ROAD. THE PARTY HAD BEEN WORKING SINCE 9 A.M.

The bomb was dropped during the Japanese occupation and after penetrating the ground some 10 feet, it had taken an upward turn.

When discovered, its nose was pointing upwards and it was resting on its tail end. The Japanese had made three attempts to locate and remove it and other units had also had a go at it.

On Monday, the P.W.D. had dug up the road surface to a depth of about two feet and the bomb was discovered at 2 p.m.

The unit under Lieut. Harlock, R.N., composed of Chief Petty Officer Watson and A. B. Mansoor, Tymon, Bartlett and Foster, were at work the whole morning yesterday when they commenced digging for the bomb. At about 2 p.m. Lieut.

Harlock was able to go down to the "atlety" job of rendering the bomb harmless. The bomb was brought to the surface at 4 p.m.

As a precautionary measure, the road was closed and residents were ordered to leave their houses while the work was going on. When the job was done and the road opened, the Unit was given a great cheer by the Chinese residents who were all curious and wanted a look at the bomb.

Another unexploded bomb, somewhere in Wanchai, is to be removed by this unit in the near future.

Little has been heard of the work of this unit but it is understood that within the last fortnight nine bombs have been immunised and removed, three from the Island Road and six from Talkoo Dockyard.

## Sharp Rise In Living Costs

The sharpest increase yet recorded in any week in the official Food and Fuel cost figures issued by Government took place in the week ending Feb. 9, when the cost of living rose by over \$2. Following are comparative figures:—

		Week ending 2.2.46	Week ending 9.2.46
Rice	7.2 catties	1.440	1.440
Vegetables	19 "	.779	1.026
Salt Cabbage	2 "	.122	.140
Oil	.7 "	2.282	2.324
Tea	.2 "	.960	.960
Salt Fish	.3 "	1.149	1.284
Fish	.4 "	1.204	1.704
Pork	.3 "	1.896	2.301
Firewood	10.0 "	1.700	2.600
Bean Curd, 14 pieces		.700	.700
Total		\$ 12.232	\$ 14.479

## Readers' Letters

### WORM'S EYE VIEW

Sir,—May I be permitted to reply to the critical comment on the evening attire of Service-women in the Colony.

Your correspondent "A Mere Male" reveals himself as an Englishman, for surely this pseudonym is a classic in understatement. A man with a mind so small and narrow must be so "mere" that he could hardly be expected to achieve anything better than a worm's eye view of any sort of spectacle.

As for being a male, how would he define the characteristics of such a person? Surely if the lady doesn't mind, why should he? May I recommend to him a visit to Ralli. He might come back with a broader vision, if he survived the first shock.

LANCELOT.

### AN ESCAPIST?

Sir,—Reference "A Mere Male's" astounding attack, I bet he could not keep his eyes off it all evening, received a sharp slap on the wrist from his more circumspect companion, and wrote to your paper to get himself out of a jam.

Otherwise what is he getting at? Why such furious vituperation?

W. T. V.

### TIME AND PLACE

Sir,—May I express agreement with "A Mere Male" in his criticism of the attire of certain ladies at a hotel in a thousand miles from the centre of town? There is a time and place for in-dress exhibition of the female figure, and not even the undressed Hollywood beauty chorus would go to the lengths we were treated to the other night.

### ANOTHER MERE MALE.

### DIMMED FACULTIES

Sir,—Not at present, being a member of the "Underwear Kniters' Union," the "Churchwardens' Association," or the "Association for the Observation of Heavily Clothed Bodies," I fall to see the point of "A Mere Male's" Letter.

The perfecting of the human form, grotesque as it is occasionally, has, for three millennia, been accomplished by many artificial and injurious devices arranged to deceive the unwary.

The old subterfuge practised with whalebone, hoops, stays, and corsets, and the modern, yet inevitable denouement, yet there is in the Colony a man who vociferous decorum denounces the sight of an unbridled figure because his piercing gaze is denied his piercing gaze.

Having been out of touch with the subtleties of female figures for so long, I see no other way to revitalise my dimmed appreciative faculties than joining one of the above associations in the hope that, while furthering their aims, I may have a chance to perceive what the Greeks idealised and Venus immortalised.

CURRENT CALAMO.

### A NEW THING

Sir,—It is a new thing (and a rather remarkable one in these hard times) for a man to get himself all upset at the sight of an uncensored version of the female figure.

If the protest had come from a disgruntled woman with a face like a bottle-axe and a figure like a flour sack, this would have been taken as some way on the road to understanding. It might be the most charitable interpretation to suggest that he was vexed on by the company he was keeping to a course of action which was against his better judgment.

On the other hand, had he mentioned the name of the hostelry concerned, it might have been suspected that he was the hotel's publicity agent.

I can certainly think of some more appropriate places for a revealing display of feminine charms than a dance-floor, but then I'm not old-fashioned.

LIVE AND LET LIVE.

### HOPE YET

Sir,—Well, well! Good old V. Barrett (two of us) who perceive a lurking sense of humour as there hope yet. Good job, "mercy kill."

## COLLABORATOR IN CANTON CONVICTED

Canton, Feb. 12.

Li Sheung-ming, eldest son of the late Mr. Li Yung-tsun, C.I.E., J.P., has been sentenced by the Kwantung Provincial High Court to an indefinite term of imprisonment and deprivation of all civil rights, for collaboration with the enemy and working against the interests of the country.

The Court also ordered the confiscation to the State of all property belonging to the prisoner, with the exception of a portion sufficient for the maintenance of his family.—Our Own Correspondent.

Ships, and the food that we get free of charge would make all Naval Officers' messes with their high mess-bills green with envy. We all (i.e. the Europeans) have cabins, containing at the most four persons, and very few of us have ever had to taste the discomforts of a crowded mess-table.

Those of us who were in the Merchant Navy before the war will get bored with any place, even after spending as little as a month in such a city as Sydney. The 11 months that we have been away from home is only a "Dogs' Watch" (to use a Naval expression) compared with some of the smaller ships in the harbour at the present time. Small blame can be attached to those who are tired by the Call of the Sea, rather than by the doubtful joys of civilisation. Six months in Hong Kong at a single stretch is certainly a long time; but all of us could have had a good run ashore had we wished, and few ports could have offered such a variety of activities. It is a cross ingratitude to the inhabitants of this island to make complaints. We have all had the opportunity of having an excellent time.

I would like to end this letter on a note of gratitude to all in Hong Kong who have done so much to make our stay here since the initial landing so enjoyable. On behalf of the rest of the crew (save only the few mentioned above), I hope we may spend a long time yet in this beautiful harbour.

OLD SALT.

### CHANGE PLACES?

Sir,—Great amusement was derived in numerous R.N. messes aboard "Aorangi" at the "Shell-back's" criticism. It seems he has been too long away from home (eleven months to be exact) on a vessel which R.N. ratings would term as a floating hotel. Has he ever stopped for one moment to compare living conditions aboard with the rigorous routine of naval life? Does he know that a commission on the West Coast of Africa, considered one of the worst climates in the world, is at least eighteen months for R.N. personnel, and in the Pacific area 21 months to two years?

After all M.N. personnel have not been taken from their civil occupations, except when they have joined the R.N. on a voluntary basis, as regards less fortunate services as regards living conditions and discipline.

It has also come to our notice that on "Aorangi" the M.N. enjoy the privacy of cabins, whilst R.N. ratings are slung in hammocks from the deck head like bats in a barn. I don't think "Shells" or any one else in the M.N. would change places with the lads in navy blue.

Judging by the food aboard the "Aorangi," the catering staff seems to be labouring under great difficulties, but I have yet to see anyone over-exerting themselves in that branch.

I think if "Shells" really knew the facts, he would realise that he has not been so badly treated after all.

TWO BRIGHT SPARKS.

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

"Two Disgruntled Rankers": The question has arisen whether or not we should publish letters from men in the Services unless such letters are counter-signed by the O.C. of the unit. Your complaint seems to us to be legitimate. What objection is there to submitting it to your O.C. for his O.K.—Ed.

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# SECRET TREATY REVEALED

## Russia's Conditions For Fighting Japan

### RUSSIAN GAME IN MONGOLIA

TIENSIN, FEB. 12. MANCHURIAN SOURCES ASSERTED TO-DAY THAT AN AUTONOMOUS GOVERNMENT IS BEING FORMED IN INNER MONGOLIA UNDER RUSSIAN AEGIS.

It would virtually complete a chain of buffer states between China and Russia and would grant special Soviet privileges in Manchuria and the free port of Dairen.

Manchurian sources said the new separate government is headed by Lieut. Gen. Pa Hsinchen, former commander of the Mongolian peace preservation corps, a chief of a council of 19, which includes Chinese Communists.

Russian military advisors are said to be attached to the council.

The reports added that the new council has been meeting since January 15 at Wangyeidiao and planned to announce the new regime formally before mid-March.

Travelers from Mukden, Harbin and Chingchun say that Soviet notices publicly posted, say on June 1 as the date of the Russian military withdrawal from Manchuria. However, there has been no official announcement from either Moscow or Chingchun of any change in the original February 1 withdrawal deadline.—Associated Press.

### India Food Appeal

Washington, Feb. 12. The National Committee for India's freedom yesterday appealed to U.S. Secretary of State James Byrnes to alleviate the threatened famine in India.

Ann Singh, committee secretary, a lead Byrnes to direct United States officials in India to appraise the food situation there and recommended increased imports by the International Food Control Board. Singh also asked Byrnes to keep United States shipping in service to feed India's starving millions.

Singh called attention to the recent debates at India's Legislative Assembly expressing dissatisfaction over "the fact that the Government of India failed to convince the International Control Board in Washington of India's dire need" and "charges that Britain deliberately is ignoring India's plight and pre-occupation of Western powers with problems of Western making them impervious to the needs of Asia."

Singh told Byrnes the atmosphere in India is charged with "lynchism" and new famine might easily grow out of the lid. He said it might cause a revolution in India which would seriously jeopardize the peace of Asia.—Associated Press.

### BRITISH WIVES WANT DIVORCES

London, Feb. 12. Representatives of approximately 200 British wives of American soldiers who are seeking to divorce them hope to induce Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt to intervene to help them obtain passage to the United States to contest the suits. They have organized the Married Women's Association, and their leader said some of the divorce suits have been instituted for "the flimsiest of reasons."—Associated Press.

### KOREAN AIRWAYS

Seoul, Feb. 12. The organization of the Korean National Airways Corporation as a private concern under government supervision was announced by Lieut. Colonel A. J. Corbison, director of the bureau of transportation of the occupation forces. The Corporation will be financed by Korean capital and will use American equipment to transport passengers and cargo. It will use pilots at the start until it can train Koreans in the operation of Yank planes. It said it expected to open within 60 days.—Associated Press.

Los Angeles, Feb. 12. Movement of American troops and cargo through the Los Angeles port of embarkation will cease after Feb. 28. Routings will be shifted to San Francisco, the port command announced.—Associated Press.

## Publication Of Yalta Treaty

WASHINGTON, FEB. 12. RUSSIA CLAIMED THREE CONDITIONS, INCLUDING OUTRIGHT SOVIET POSSESSION OF THE KURILE ISLANDS, ON ITS AGREEMENT AT YALTA A YEAR AGO TO ENTER THE PACIFIC WAR.

THIS CONDITIONAL ASPECT OF GENERALISSIMO STALIN'S PLEDGE TO FIGHT JAPAN WAS DISCLOSED WHEN THE TEXT OF THE LONG SECRET RUG PICT ON THE FAR EAST WAS MADE PUBLIC IN WASHINGTON, LONDON AND MOSCOW TO DAY.

United States Secretary of State James Byrnes declared it was the last of wartime arrangements of its kind withheld from publication.

Yalta's secrets promised Russia Anglo-American support for a place in the United Nations Security Council and for separate United Nations membership for Byelo-Russia and Soviet Ukraine.

Under the agreement made public to-day, Russia was to join the Far Eastern fight "in two or three months after Germany has surrendered. This appears to split the dropping of the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945, prompted Russia to advance its date of the declaration of war. Germany quit the war on May 7 and Russia declared war on Japan on August 8.

The reference to the Kuriles in the Yalta Pact was blunt. "The Kurile Islands shall be handed over to the Soviet Union."

The other two conditions for Russia's war against Japan agreed to by President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill were:

#### RAILWAY QUESTION

(1) the status of the Mongolian People's Republic in Outer Mongolia should remain unchanged.

(2) The rights held by Russia prior to "the treacherous attack of Japan in 1904" should be restored.

These, the pact states, were: restoration to Russia of southern Sakhalin and adjacent islands; internationalization of the port of Dairen and the restoration of the Russian leased Port Arthur; joint Russo-Chinese administration of the Chinese Eastern and South Manchurian Railways which provide an outlet to Dairen.

In these projects the "preeminent interests of the Soviet Union" would be safeguarded, the pact said, adding that China should retain "full sovereignty" in Manchuria.

The agreement, acknowledging that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek would have to concur in the Outer Mongolia, Dairen, Port Arthur and the railroad arrangements, said:

"The President, Mr. Roosevelt, will take measures in order to obtain this concurrence on advice from Marshal Stalin."

These arrangements were later ratified in the Russian-Chinese 30-year treaty of friendship and alliance signed in Moscow on August 14.

#### TOP SECRET

In the Yalta agreement, Russia expressed its readiness to conclude such a treaty with China "in order to render assistance to China with its armed forces for the purpose of liberating China from the Japanese yoke."

### WASHINGTON STALLING

Tokyo, Feb. 11. General MacArthur "hopes sincerely that Congress will broaden the base to include free transportation for all ranks" of army wives and families as plans proceeded to open the theatre to them on May 1.

Last week at a press club dinner high ranking Allied officers expressed the opinion that the War Department was "stalling" on the question of wives and families coming to this theatre.—Associated Press.

#### BUILDING ROADS

Chungking, Feb. 12. Twelve thousand miles of highways will be constructed in Honan, a dispatch from Kailenz reported to-day. It said that the expense of the project would be defrayed by the Central Government and the Chinese National Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.—Associated Press.

New York, Feb. 12. Bishop Thomas Tien of China and two American archbishops yesterday left by plane from La Guardia Field en route to Rome to resolve their appointments as Cardinals.

With Tien were Archbishop Francis Spellman of New York and John Joseph Glennon of St. Louis.—Associated Press.

pose of liberating China from the Japanese yoke."

Apparently as additional insurance that terms of the Yalta agreement would not be misunderstood, the text near the end said: "The heads of the three great powers have agreed that these claims of the Soviet Union shall be unquestionably fulfilled after Japan has been defeated."

In a statement accompanying the text, Byrnes, who first described existence of the agreement, said there was "good reason why the pact was marked 'top secret.' If the Japanese had learned of the arrangement they would have immediately attacked Russia, Byrnes declared, which would have cost America a much more difficult task.—Associated Press.

## Arabs Dislike Idea Of New York Site

LONDON, FEB. 12. DELEGATES OF THE ARAB STATES OF IRAQ AND SAUDI ARABIA YESTERDAY OBJECTED TO A UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE STATEMENT ON THE CHOICE OF NEW YORK AS EITHER A TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT SITE OF THE ORGANISATION, SAYING IT WOULD SUBJECT THE DELEGATES TO PRESSURE FROM "SOME POLITICAL INFLUENCES" TO WHICH THEY OBJECT.

THE MIDDLE EAST DELEGATES DID NOT IDENTIFY THE SO-CALLED PRESSURE GROUPS IN THEIR FORMAL OBJECTION BUT THEIR CHIEF CONCERN UNOFFICIALLY EXPRESSED IN THE CORRIDORS IS THAT NEW YORK HAS A LARGE JEWISH POPULATION WHICH MIGHT ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE CURRENT CONTROVERSY OVER PALESTINE.

## TERRORISM IN POLAND

Bialystok, Feb. 12.

A Government communiqué said, yesterday, that more than 100 persons were machine-gunned or burned to death in a wave of terrorism officially attributed to the outlawed N.S.Z. (National Socialist) and Ukrainian Nationalist bands raiding villages near Bialystok and Przemysl in south-eastern Poland.

Scores were reported wounded and hundreds of homes destroyed. The government announcement said that the terrorist bands who raided six villages near Bialystok were dressed in non-descript bits of Polish, German, Rumanian, Hungarian and Russian uniforms. The raiders looted residents of the towns in homes and outbuildings, tore flaming torches into straw thatched and wooden walled structures and shot down men, women and children who were attempting to flee the communities.

The communiqué said the raiders nailed a placard to a tree in one village reading "you are punished because you have paid taxes in kind—N.S.Z." Peasants previously had been warned against delivering foodstuffs to provincial authorities as tax payments in lieu of money.—Associated Press.

#### CREDIT FOR CHINA

Washington, Feb. 12. Chinese officials reported that China and Canada have entered an agreement whereby Canada is to provide the Chinese government with a credit of \$50,000,000 to purchase Canadian goods during 1946 and 1947. The loan will draw three per cent interest annually and be repayable in equal installments over a 30-year period, beginning in 1948, the Chinese spokesman said.—Associated Press.

Paris, Feb. 12. Cardinals-Desmaré Archbishop Edmond Mooney of Detroit and Robert A. Strich of Chicago arrived at Orléans Airfield, Paris, at 8:00 p.m. G.M.T. on Monday night on their way to attend the French consistory.—Associated Press.

## CLASHES CONTINUE IN CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, FEB. 12. TWENTY-SEVEN STUDENTS WERE ARRESTED HERE YESTERDAY IN TWO CLASHES INVOLVING 700 STUDENTS AND POLICE.

The clashes occurred during demonstrations protesting against the sentence last week on Abdur Rashid, Moslem Captain in the Indian National Army.

Several persons sustained minor injuries when struck by police truncheons and missiles thrown by the crowd. Both Hindu and Moslem students left their classes at the university and gathered for a meeting where it was decided to march to Dalhousie Square in the downtown area. Police said the Square was a restricted area.

After the clashes and subsequent arrests, crowds continued to gather in front of the police station's "lost" night but no further disturbances were reported. Truckloads of Indian police officers in jeeps recently purchased from the United States army and radio patrol cars cruised throughout the city.—Associated Press.

## Transport Paralysis In Philly

PHILADELPHIA, FEB. 12. TRAMCARS, BUSES AND UNDERGROUND TRAINS WERE MOTIONLESS HERE YESTERDAY AS ALMOST TEN THOUSAND TRANSIT WORKERS WALKED OUT ON STRIKE OVER WAGE DEMANDS.

The dispute shut off means of transportation for more than 2,000,000 persons in this, the third largest city of the United States, and forced United States Navy officials to put their own vehicles into service to get workers to the naval yard.

The strikers, who demand a wage increase of twenty-five cents an hour, organized special crews of men to give transport to hospital and other essential workers. The only public vehicles left moving were the city's 1,000 taxicabs.

In New York, settlement of the tugboat strike which has tied up harbour shipping and caused a severe fuel shortage in the city, appeared near as the tugboat owners and union leaders agreed to arbitration.

In Washington, sources familiar with White House strategy, said that President Truman was expected to announce his new wage policy within a short time, including a new price for steel products which would enable the industry to grant striking workers an 18½ per cent an hour wage increase.—Associated Press.

## Supreme Court Not To Intervene

Washington, Feb. 12. The United States Supreme Court yesterday refused to intervene in the case of Lieut-General Masaharu Homma, convicted war criminal who has been sentenced to be shot.

The Court based its rejection of Homma's appeal on its recent decision in the case of General Yamashita.

Justices Murphy and Rutledge dissented, Murphy contending that "A process of judicial lynching without due process of the law may now follow."—Associated Press.

## SWISS VOTE ON NATIONALISATION

Berne, Feb. 12. Swiss voters yesterday overwhelmingly rejected a government-sponsored constitutional amendment which would have empowered the Swiss Federal Council to regulate commercial travel by rail, water, and air, complete returns after two days of balloting showed to-night.

The returns from the country's 20 cantons showed that 570,869 were opposed to the proposed measure while 288,672 favored it. Under the measure, the Federal Council would have been able to determine how passengers and goods were to be transported. Opponents said this was an infringement of personal liberty and that the State-owned Federal railways would have benefitted to the detriment of privately owned companies.—Associated Press.

## EMPEROR TO LEAVE PALACE

Tokyo, Feb. 12. Emperor Hirohito will personally inspect rehabilitation in Tokyo on Feb. 14 and two days later will tour nearby areas. Japanese newspapers reported to-day. The trips will mark the first inspection by the Emperor since the occupation and the third formal departure from the palace since the occupation. Previously he called on General MacArthur at the American Embassy and journeyed to the Ise grand shrines to report the end of the war.—Associated Press.

#### VERDICT WELCOMED

Manila, Feb. 12. Commenting on the death verdict against Lieut-General Masaharu Homma, the Philippines President, Sergio Osmena, declared yesterday: "The verdict meets the legitimate expectation of the Filipino people. It also answers the universal demand for the establishment of the reign of law, justice and morality in the conduct of nations."—Associated Press.

Chungking, Feb. 12. A dispatch from Nanking said Doctor Roscoe Pound, Dean of Harvard Law School, was expected to arrive in China next month to take up an appointment as legal adviser to the Chinese Ministry of Justice.

Pound, the dispatch stated, was expected to make important contributions to law reforms in China.—Associated Press.

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At night the sky is bright with stars and brown-skinned Siamese beauties leap at the opportunity to go dancing in luxurious open air pavilions. Bars are laden with inexpensive Thai whiskey and French brandy from Indo-China.

The handful of American soldiers stationed here—men of the Air Transport Command, U.S. Army Air Forces Communications System and Strategic Service Unit—can't get over their luck.

"It took me three years to find a home in the Army—but what a home!" Cpl. John Bayer said as a houseboy brought a breakfast of tea, eggs, steak, French fried yams and fruit to his bedside.

A LA HOLLYWOOD The most luxurious of the U.S. soldiers' billets is the Flower Palace, built 40 years ago by Prince Rophuri and occupied by Prince Adit until he was ousted as regent at the time of the Japanese surrender.

It serves as a transient hotel for the A.T.C. Like Hollywood versions of royal residences, its walls are covered with scores of etchings, oil paintings, sculpture and ivory and wood carvings.

A caterer from the luxurious Ratanakosin Hotel provides food at Thai Government expense. A typical menu—all free—includes soup, fish, chips, steak, salad, roast goose, plum pudding and tasty tropical fruits such as the brown, pear-like lamud, bananas and rose apples.

While American soldiers are eager to get back home no matter how exotic their life in Siam, they find plenty to do in Bangkok, which like Hong Kong is one of the few cities in the world which lives up to the tourist leaflets.

LIKE A BOOK Beautiful handworked silver with Buddhist themes is available in Chinese shops. The current unofficial exchange rate—16 ticals to the U.S. dollar compared to the pre-war rate of three to one—make purchases inexpensive. Sightseeing is one of the most popular forms of entertainment. American soldiers are fascinated

### Jap. Claim To T.B. Discovery

Chungking, Feb. 12.

A Japanese army doctor, now a prisoner of war at Taiyuan, capital of Shansi, is quoted as having told the Chinese authorities of the discovery, many years ago, of two plants in Formosa which, he asserted, contained "very effective medical properties against tuberculosis."

The discovery, the doctor said, was reported to Emperor Hirohito by the Japanese Government General in Formosa which was instructed to conduct a research. This was done and eventually produced "successful results," the doctor declared.

Chinese authorities at Taiyuan have wired the National Government in Chungking, suggesting that General Chen Yi, Chinese Administrator of Formosa, should be instructed to have the research work continued. — Associated Press.

### Opening Up North China

Peiping, Feb. 12.

The Executive Headquarters to implement peace in China announced yesterday an agreement for the immediate restoration of communication lines in north and central China.

The order was sent to all military commanders of the Nationalist and Communist forces. It charges them with responsibility to assist in the reconstruction of all communications lines, the removal or destruction of military obstacles, along communication lines, the removal of all interference with civilian travel and the passage of goods, and the protection of repair units.

Most observers believe that the naming of the commanders in the local areas, whether Nationalist or Communist, represented the biggest compromise of the negotiations to carry out the "cease fire" agreement. — Associated Press.

### U.S. Interest In Italy

Washington, Feb. 12.

Secretary of State James Byrnes said today that the United States Government is "keenly interested" in the elections scheduled in Italy on March 1.

"In the grave task of drafting a new constitution the Constituent Assembly will have our best wishes and our encouragement," Byrnes said.

"Our interest in the election of the Italian Constituent Assembly is easy to explain. Even before our armies landed on Italian soil to rid Italy of Fascist and Nazi oppression we welcomed the Italian people a free government. That pledge was solemnly renewed in the joint declaration of Oct. 13, 1943, which stated nothing can detract from the absolute and untrammelled right of the people of Italy by constitutional means to decide on the democratic form of government they will eventually have." — Associated Press.

## STILL BARRED

Chungking, Feb. 12.

A branch of China's official Central News Agency was established on Sunday at Changchun, capital of Manchuria. Other than Chinese and Russian, however, are still barred from all Russian-controlled zones in Manchuria. — Associated Press.

### BRIDGE NOTES

"South admits he took a chance in bidding six spades," writes a reader, "but thinks he was rather unlucky in not making it. I think he committed a crime—and perhaps you can use it in your series!"

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D. 5 4 3  
C. 6 4 3

B. A K J 10 9 7 4 3

H. —

D. 9 2

C. A 10 9

The bidding:

South West North East

1 S Pass 2NT Pass

6 S Pass Pass Pass

"West opened the King of diamonds, and South dropped the nine without batting an eyelash. Now the choice was between the two red Aces, and West unhesitatingly continued with Ace of diamonds. It was all over then, of course, and South pointed out that with any shift at all he'd have made the Small Slam. Leaving the bidding aside, do you think South was unlucky or a criminal?"

There you are, crime sleuths. Decide for yourself before reading on.

South was a criminal and his crime almost certainly cost him the Slam—contract. When West led the King of diamonds, it was absolutely criminal for South to play the nine. West was bound to notice that the deuce of diamonds hadn't been played. If East held the deuce of diamonds, he wanted a diamond continuation; if South had the deuce, a diamond continuation would surely defeat the slam. So South was simply asking to be set when he false-carded in diamonds.

Note that if South plays the deuce of diamonds (we assume East played the three, since he had no reason to do anything else.) West really has a guess. And we think most players would continue with the Ace of hearts rather than the Ace of diamonds. It's wise to note that not all false-cards are deceptive.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

S.—K J 10 9 6 3  
H.—Q 5 4 2  
D.—8 3  
C.—J

The bidding:

Maier You Schenken Jacoby

3 D Pass Pass Dbl.

Pass (1)

Answer: Bid four spades. Considering that you passed over the shut-out bid of three diamonds, you have a very fine hand and a very strong suit. This show of strength will take your partner off the spot if he has a borderline double, and may lead to a good Slam contract if he has a very strong double.

Score 100 per cent. for four spades, 50 per cent. for three spades.

QUESTION

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

S.—A K J 10 9 6 6

H.—Q 10 4 2

D.—8

C.—J 4

The bidding:

Maier You Jacoby Schenken

3 D (7)

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow).

### JAPS IN JAVA

Sydney, Feb. 12.

A despatch to the "Sydney Sun" said yesterday that Lieut-General Nunata, former Chief of Staff in the Japanese South East Asia Command, announced he would "appeal to the Japanese soldiers and soldiers in Java" who deserted into the Indonesian ranks asking them to surrender. The despatch said: "Nunata arrived in Batavia from Singapore on a 'moral building' tour of Japanese prison camps on islands north of Australia." — Associated Press.

### Only A Starting Point

Batavia, Feb. 12.

A spokesman for the unrecognized Indonesian republic said yesterday that the Dutch offer to establish a commonwealth of Indonesia in the East Indies is "a starting point for talks and that's all. Many who expected something substantial were disappointed, but I am not because I didn't expect anything."

The comment was made by Hadju Amus Salim, official spokesman, to whom Premier Sjahrir referred all queries.

"You can't blame the Dutch for giving as little as possible any more than the Indonesians for asking as much as possible," he asserted.

A British communiqué, meanwhile, reported that British artillery engaged a group of Indonesian troops armed with machineguns in the Semarang area. A British patrol captured a mortar, bombs, rifles and hand grenades in an engagement west of Soerabaya. British troops destroyed a factory for making grenades in west Java, the communiqué said. — Associated Press.

### Production Of Rice Declines

Washington, Feb. 12.

World rice production for the 1945-46 season declined 10 per cent from the previous year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported, but the citrus crop is a record breaker.

The rice production was estimated by the department's official foreign agricultural relations bureau at 6,200,000,000 bushels compared with 6,700,000,000 bushels a year ago and a prewar average of 7,400,000,000. Most of the reduction was in Asia, which grows 95 per cent of the world crop.

The citrus crop for 36 major producing countries was estimated at 335,000,000 boxes. The previous year the total was 320,000,000 and the 1935-39 average was 266,000,000 boxes. — Associated Press.

### Souvenirs For G.I.'s

Osaka, Feb. 12.

Over 25,000 Samurai swords were confiscated from Japanese in the Osaka area and have been turned over to homeward bound United States soldiers by the Ordinance Section of Major-General Arthur Harper's 98th Division (Ironquid) which is scheduled for inactivation on Feb. 16.

Troops were also given 7,000 "small knives" with blades less than 20 inches long as souvenirs along with 150,000 Japanese army carbines and rifles, 1,200 binoculars, numerous bayonets, compasses, aerial cameras and other trophies. Also prepared for shipment are many small cannons and two man-tankettes which will be displayed in public parks or before public buildings in the United States. — Associated Press.

### MATRICULATION EXAMINATION.

There is a possibility that a London Matriculation Examination may be held in Hong Kong in June of this year, upon the results of which entrance to the University of Hong Kong may be decided. Since it is necessary to know the approximate number of entrants before a decision can be made, intending candidates are requested to send in their names before Saturday, 16th February to:

The Director of Education,  
Fire Brigade Building,  
Hong Kong.

### THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

There is a possibility that the University of Hong Kong may be able to resume first year classes in Arts, Science and Medicine in October 1946. It is requested that those desirous of enrolling their names as first year students in the event of the University reopening, will send in their names at the earliest opportunity to:

THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

It is necessary also to state whether the intending applicant already possesses a Hong Kong University Matriculation Certificate or other exempting Certificate, and whether the applicant intends to sit for the London Matriculation Examination which may be held in June of this year. This notice also applies to first year students whose studies were interrupted by the outbreak of war in December 1941.

GORDON KING.

Dean Faculty of Medicine,  
University of Hong Kong.

### BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG.

## LEGAL BRANCH.

## NOTICE.

## COMPANIES ORDINANCE, 1932.

The Companies Registry is now open for registration of new companies, filing annual returns and generally for the transaction of business.

The following registers and books have been recovered:

- 1 roll of Public and Private companies;
- 1 Limited Partnership Register;
- 1 Chinese Limited Partnership Register;
- 1 Register of Trust Companies;
- 7 Registers of Mortgages.

On the other hand none of the files of companies, other than those relating to companies which re-registered during the Japanese occupation, have been recovered so far and it is feared they may have perished. It is not known how far companies can supply this serious lacuna. It is obvious that if they cannot, legislation will be necessary. In order to be able to consider the form of such legislation, all companies which were registered on the 24th December, 1941, and are now carrying on or intend to resume business in the Colony are asked to furnish the following particulars to the Registrar of Companies:

1. Name of the Company;
2. Names of persons acting as Directors of the Company;
3. Name of person acting as Secretary of the Company;
4. Registered office;
5. Whether in possession or able to obtain:

(a) copies of Memorandum and Articles of Association;

(b) Share register;

(c) Register of Charges;

(d) Copies of Annual Returns since the incorporation of the Company;

(e) Copies of:—

(i) Special resolutions;

(ii) Extraordinary resolutions;

(iii) Resolutions which have been agreed to by all the members of a Company, but which, if not so agreed to, would not have been effective for their purpose unless, as the case may be, they had been passed as special resolutions or as extraordinary resolutions;

(iv) Resolutions or agreements which have been agreed to by all the members of some class of shareholders, but which, if not so agreed to, would not have been effective for their purpose unless they had been passed by some particular majority or otherwise in some particular manner, and all resolutions or agreements which effectively bind all the members of any class of shareholders though not agreed to by all those members.

While it is not proposed to penalise companies and directors who are endeavouring, in difficult circumstances, to comply with the law, it is obvious that the present position cannot be allowed to continue.

Dated the 12th day of February, 1946.

H. A. de BARROS BOTELHO,

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47, 62.

## WANTED

WANTED-URGENTLY on loan,  
Hongkong Government Gazette No. 89  
of 1941. Please communicate with  
H. A. de Barros Botelho, Acting  
Registrar, Courts of Justice (Phone  
No. 39257).

## WANTED KNOWN

SEE FOR YOURSELF at Mode  
Elite, 22 Queen's Road, Ctd. A  
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jumpers, lipsticks, elastic girdles, at  
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Kong, not above Robinson Road  
level. Furnished or unfurnished.  
Write Box No. 67 "China Mail."

URGENTLY Required. Two or  
three roomed unfurnished flat at  
reasonable rent. Kowloon preferred.  
Write Box No. 67 "China Mail."

## NOTICE

The Administration is calling  
for tenders for the Supply of  
Flower Pots and Pans which  
are required by the Botanical &  
Forestry Department. The  
Tenders which must be submitted  
in triplicate should be lodged  
with the Tender Board not later  
than Friday, February 15th, 1946.

12th February, 1946.

## NOTICE

S.S. "F O C 10 W"  
arrived 6th February, 1946.

Survey of damaged cargo ex  
this vessel will be held by God-  
dard & Douglas on 13th Feb.,  
between 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at  
Kowloon Godown

## NOTICE

The American President Lines,  
Ltd.,  
have removed from the  
National City Bank Building  
to permanent offices on the  
Ground Floor of St. George's Bldg.  
opposite the Star Ferry Wharf.  
Telephone Nos. 28173 & 28174.

## OFFICIAL NOTICE

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A  
SHIP'S NAME

We Messrs. Jardine, Matheson  
of Pedder street hereby give  
notice that in consequence of a  
desire to change her present  
name.

We have applied to the Board  
of Trade, under section 47 of the  
Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in  
respect of the Motorship "EW  
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Official Number 173775 of  
Gross Tonnage 10,77 tons Regis-  
ter tonnage 6,78 tons, heretofore  
owned by us for the permission  
to change her name to "H. GE-  
WAYMAN" and to have her  
registered in the new name at the  
Port of Hong Kong as ordered  
by us.

Any objection to the proposed  
change of name must be sent to  
the Registrar of Shipping at  
Hong Kong within seven days  
from the appearance of this  
advertisement.

Dated at Hong Kong this 11th  
day of February, 1946.

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& CO., LTD.

AUSSIES  
TEAM TO  
TOUR N.Z.

Adelaide, Feb. 12.  
The Australian cricket team  
to tour New Zealand next month  
will consist of Lindsay Hassett  
(Victoria), Keith Miller (Vic-  
toria), Sid Barnes (New South  
Wales), Bruce Doeland (South  
Australia), Ian Johnson (Vic-  
toria), Don Harmer (South  
Australia), Ray Lindwall (New  
South Wales), Ken Musclemar  
(Victoria), Colin McCool  
(Queensland), Don Tallon  
(Queensland), William O'Reilly  
(New South Wales), William  
Brown (Queensland) and Ernest  
Robbuck (New South Wales).

The team will leave Australia  
on Feb. 25.

The captain and vice-captain  
have yet to be chosen.  
A better idea of Australian  
cricket form will be seen when  
they tour New Zealand. There  
is a wealth of potential material  
in the Commonwealth and a  
number of wartime discoveries  
hardly known in England.  
New Zealand pitches, hardly  
any two of which are identical,  
will put the Australians on their  
metals. They will also meet a  
variety of fast bowlers, which  
will be a useful test as there  
are very few outstanding speed  
merchants about these days.  
During the war New Zealand  
cricket, like the game in Eng-  
land, had to give way to great-  
er necessities, few of their lead-  
ing competitions being held, but  
keenness on the game has always  
been noticeable.

There is news of Jack Cowie,  
who took 114 wickets on the last  
England tour. He is still con-  
sidered their best fast bowler,  
while other speed merchants  
with reputations include Eddie  
Prentice, Tom Britchard and  
Hoar.

W. M. Wallace, who is called  
the "Bradman of New Zealand  
cricket," is in great form and  
made 210 the other day. He is  
generally considered the most  
likely choice as captain. — Reu-  
ter.

Natural  
Wickets Again

London, Feb. 12.  
Cricket is in no danger of los-  
ing public interest. During  
the war, when there was no  
County cricket, thousands turned  
up regularly to see one-day  
tours, and the Australian Services  
tour was a pronounced success.  
There is, however, one thing  
troubling followers of the Brit-  
ish summer game, and that is  
the "doped" pitches. For some  
years past it has been obvious  
that the ball has been beating  
the bat, and the chief reason is  
stated to be the prepared pit-  
ches.

The County Committee are  
well aware of this danger and  
before the war many issued in-  
structions to their groundsmen to  
stop chemical preparation of the  
turf.

The M.C.C. post-war commit-  
tee has also recommended nat-  
ural wickets. Unfortunately,  
this change cannot be brought  
about at will. Prepared turfs  
will take some years to regain  
their "bite" and it is also impos-  
sible to plough up grounds and  
re-turf between seasons.

It has been suggested this re-  
placement could be accomplish-  
ed by bit each year, but  
meanwhile, wickets will continue  
to favour batsmen and discour-  
age bowlers. — Reuter.

President Pierce  
Arrives

With 650 tons of commercial  
cargo from Shanghai, mostly food-  
stuffs and wines, the American  
President Lines' s.s. President  
Pierce arrived about noon yester-  
day. She will be loading 1,000  
tons of general cargo here for  
San Francisco, Los Angeles and  
New York.

En route, she is to call at  
Tobago and Davao in the Philip-  
pines for a cargo of bemp for  
the United States.

Passengers who arrived by the  
"President Pierce" were Mr. J.  
P. Anderson, of the Seventh Day  
Adventist Mission; Miss Lois  
Appenrouth, of the Associated  
Missionary Treasures, Hackett Hos-  
pital, Canton; Miss K. L. Au;  
Mr. D. L. Ballantyne, Manager  
of the Chase Bank; Mrs. B. M.  
Brayne, of Babcock Made in Chi-  
Shanghai; Mrs. W. J. Chang and  
Male Chang; Rev. D. H. Thomas,  
of the American Presbyterian  
Mission; Mr. R. E. Runyon, Chief  
Accountant, Texas Co.; Hong  
Kong; Mr. T. Y. Thong, owner of  
the Cathay Co., Shanghai; and  
Mr. D. L. Nien, representative of  
the Nan Yang Hong.

Commando Adjutant's  
Story Of The Unit

THE COMMANDOS WERE A DEVELOPMENT OF THE  
INDEPENDENT COMPANIES FORMED TO TAKE  
PART IN THE NORWEGIAN CAMPAIGN IN THE  
EARLY-DAYS OF THE EUROPEAN WAR. CAPT.  
IAN CARRELL, ADJUTANT OF NO. 1 COMMANDO,  
TOLD THE HONG KONG ROTARY CLUB AT  
THEIR WEEKLY LUNCH MEETING YESTERDAY.  
THEIR EARLY TRAINING WAS DESIGNED FOR AM-  
PHIBIOUS OPERATIONS AGAINST THE GER-  
MAN-HOLD COASTLINE OF THE EUROPEAN  
CONTINENT AND THE EARLY RAIDS WERE OF  
SHORT DURATION. A SPECIAL BOATING SEC-  
TION TEAM CONSISTING USUALLY OF AN OF-  
FICER AND 16 MEN EFFECTING A LANDING BY  
CANOE FROM A SUBMARINE OR SMALL CRAFT.

With the extended scope of  
the special jobs to be carried  
out, the Commandos were train-  
ed in snow and mountain war-  
fare, cliff-climbing, parachuting,  
and even engine-driving. In In-  
dia, a Commando-driven train  
accomplished a railway journey  
in record time.

Would-be recruits often con-  
sidered it desirable to sign-up  
with the Commandos as they con-  
sidered it "one of the safest jobs  
and a good racket" or "the nearest  
thing to being a civilian and wear-  
ing uniform." This approach-  
ed the truth insofar as in the early  
days of the Commandos, only a  
small number of the raids planned  
were carried into effect and partici-  
pants in these received 10 days' leave.

Training, however, was inten-  
sive and required a high standard  
of physical fitness. Recruiting  
officers worked on the basis of  
selecting 120 out of 6,000, and of  
these only 60 would emerge as  
Commandos after training in two  
courses through two recruitment  
depts.

SPECIAL TESTS  
Main emphasis was on fitness,  
and discipline was on the same  
line as that in the Guards, a "split  
and polish" system. Recruits had  
to pass special tests in speed-  
marching and rope-climbing at  
speed.

Four Brigades were formed  
during the war, one for the Far  
East, one for the Middle East and  
two for operations in the Euro-  
pean Theatre. Every trade and  
section of Army life was repre-  
sented in the Commandos. Capt.  
Carrell said. In his own unit,  
there were men from 71 regiments  
and 10 corps, while the Commandos  
were drawn from 26 different  
units.

The Americans built up similar  
units to the Commandos. These  
were trained at the same depots  
and were known as the Ranger  
Battalion. There was also a Nor-  
wegian Commando unit trained  
and an Allied Commando Group  
consisting of French and Dutch.  
The Commandos are now in the  
process of disbanding and the or-  
ganisation is to be discontinued  
with the end of the war and eventual  
demobilisation.

GREAT TRADITION  
Lt.-Col. L. W. Amps, who  
thanked the speaker, remarked  
on the wonderful tradition set up  
by the Commandos and on the great  
part they played in setting the  
pace for the British Army in the  
early days of the war.

Present at the meeting was the  
G.O.C., Major-General F. W.  
Festling, who attended for the first  
time as an Hon. Member of the  
Hong Kong Rotary Club, and, as  
guests, Major-General Chav  
Nagaburn, Lt.-Col. J. H. Turnbull,  
Major I. G. N. Williams, Messrs.  
Charles Chav and K. S. Lee.

It was announced that the next  
meeting would be the Re-union  
Dinner to be held next Tuesday  
evening and that His Excellency  
the Commander-in-Chief, Vice-  
Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt, would  
attend.

Soo Not Happy  
At Leicester

Leicester, Feb. 12.  
Frank Soo, Leicester City and  
England international half-back,  
has been placed on the transfer  
list at his own request.

It is not more than three  
months ago that Leicester signed  
Soo from Stoke at a fee said  
to be in the region of £3,000.  
A month ago Derby County  
made an attempt to obtain Soo's  
services, but Leicester Club de-  
clined any such move. — Reuter.

## Godown Theft

Two coolies, Siu Mei and Chan  
Kui, were charged before Mr. C.  
Y. Kwan at the Summary Mil-  
itary Court yesterday with stealing  
two woollen jerseys from the  
China Provident Godown at  
Kennedy Town Fringe on Monday.  
Det.-Sub-Inspector, E. J. Wal-  
sham, said that the jerseys were  
stolen by Indian guards at the  
godown of No. 15 Godown.

Four weeks' hard labour was  
imposed on each defendant.  
A similar sentence was im-  
posed on Lam Lee for stealing 11  
children's woollen jackets from  
the same godown on the same  
day.

Soccer Shield  
Games

The following are the Shield  
competition games for this week  
end:

Saturday February 16  
C.A.S. vs. R.A.S.C.  
(Navy ground 2.30 p.m.)  
Referee:—Spr. G. Thorne.  
Linesmen:—Spr. D. Christie and  
L.S. Snarrow.  
Eastern vs. Kwong Wah  
(Navy ground 4.15 p.m.)  
Referee:—Sgt. L. Pullitt.  
Linesmen:—Mr. F. A. Barretto  
and P.O. E. Taylor.  
R.A.F. vs. R.E.  
(Recruit ground 4.15 p.m.)  
Referee:—L.S. T. Mullins.  
Linesmen:—Mr. A. R. Samy  
and Mr. J. F. Peralta.

Sunday February 17  
Navy "A" vs. Civilians  
(Navy ground 2.30 p.m.)  
Referee:—Lt. L. G. Young  
Linesmen:—Mr. See Po Wai  
and P.O. E. Noble.  
44 R.M. Cdo. vs. South China  
(Navy ground 4.15 p.m.)  
Referee:—C.P.O. J. H. Rogers.  
Linesmen:—P.O. E. Taylor and  
Mr. F. A. Barretto.  
Byes to 2nd Round.  
No. 1 Commando No. 5 Com-  
mando, Navy "B".

## SQUASH MATCH

An exciting squash match was  
played at Kellie Island on Satur-  
day between Hongkong and  
Shanghai Bank and Royal Navy.  
The Bank winning by one game.  
The decision was in doubt until  
the last game of the match.

The following were the re-  
sults:—  
Lt. Comdr. Haydon (Navy) 3-0  
beat W. R. McCutcheon (Navy)  
Sen. Comdr. Colver (Navy)  
lost to M. F. L. Haymes 1-2  
Sen. Lieut. Watt (Navy)  
lost to P. S. M. Dew 0-3  
Lieut. (E) Gregory (Navy)  
beat A. L. Smith 2-1  
Lieut. Lang (Navy) lost to  
A. H. R. Butcher 0-3  
Lieut. H. (Navy) beat R.  
G. Gray 3-0  
Lieut. Redwell (Navy) lost  
to A. H. R. Butcher 1-2

Commando  
Generator Found

A portable generator stolen  
from No. 5 Commando barracks  
at Kam Tin, N.T., on December  
16, was recovered a few days  
ago when Wan Wo was arrested  
by a Chinese detective.

Wan was sentenced to three  
months' imprisonment with hard  
labour by Mr. W. H. Latimer  
yesterday. The value of the  
generator was \$80.  
Li Tong, charged with receiving  
the generator, which was found  
at his shop, was discharged owing  
to lack of evidence. He said he  
was asked by Wan to sell the  
generator.

It was ordered to be restored to  
No. 5 Commando. Detective-  
Inspector Drury prosecuted.

## CHINESE CHARACTERS

Fr. Casey S.J., will give to-  
morrow's talk at the Catholic  
Centre, entitled: "So you're learn-  
ing Chinese?" This lecture on the  
history and formation of Chinese  
characters should prove of con-  
siderable interest to the many  
Servicemen at present in Hong  
Kong.

TO-DAY ONLY **MAJESTIC** At 2.30, 5.00,  
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TO-MORROW "TEXAS TO TOKYO"

JOE LOUIS AND  
BILLY CONN

London, Feb. 12.

Within the next few weeks  
Joe Louis, world heavyweight  
champion, and his challenger,  
Billy Conn, will be getting down  
to serious training for their  
title fight at the Yankee Sta-  
dium, New York, on June 19.  
So far, there is little to go on  
with regard to assessing the  
chances of either man, but the  
general idea appears to be that  
the champion will try his best  
to knock out his opponent as soon  
as possible, realising that Conn  
should last better, being the  
younger man, and bearing in  
mind Conn was well ahead on  
points in their first encounter  
until he made the fatal mistake  
of trying to mix it with Louis.

The champion has already de-  
clared that he must win by a  
knockout at the earliest mo-  
ment, as "Conn is a better  
boxer." Both are a long way  
from their best form at the mo-  
ment, which is natural, since  
both have been in the services  
and some years since they had a  
serious encounter, and the  
terms of Mike Jacobs' contract  
forbids them warming up con-  
tests before their championship  
bout.

Conn hopes to get round this  
by going 15 rounds against two  
sparring partners. He declares  
these will be real bouts in every  
way, except big gloves, and  
head guards will be used to pre-  
vent serious injury. — Reuter.

## WEDNESDAY OUT

London, Feb. 11.  
Stoke City to-day eliminated  
Sheffield Wednesday from the  
Football Association Cup by 2-0.  
In their second leg match in  
the fifth round neither side was  
able to score. — Reuter.

A coolie, Chan Nam, was stab-  
bed in the chest yesterday after-  
noon, near the Matakok Slaughter  
House. He was admitted to  
Kwong Wah Hospital. His condi-  
tion is good.

## LEE THEATRE

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CATHAY

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# FAR FROM SATISFIED

## Indonesian Comment On Latest Dutch Proposal

### Mr. Churchill Stays In Washington

Washington, Feb. 12. Mr. Winston Churchill postponed on Monday his return to Florida, but the British Embassy said that the former Prime Minister had no intention of leaving Washington.

The White House said that President Truman's conference with Mr. Churchill dealt almost wholly with plans for Mr. Churchill's return when he departs with the President to Fulton, Missouri, on March 5.

The 1941-1942 British Ambassador to the United States, Mr. Sir John Gort, has arrived in Washington. He is expected to stay in the city for some time, as he is to be in charge of the British mission in the United States.

At the top of these there would be the proposed \$5,000,000 loan to Indonesia. There had been some suggestion that it was this money which brought Mr. Churchill here at a time when Congress had not yet approved of the loan.

But, in fact, Mr. Churchill has been in the United States for some time, and his presence here is not due to any one particular reason.

President Truman has said that he is in the United States with one of the few men who could furnish all the information of what is going on in the world.

### Millions Go In Currency Fraud

Sri Lanka returned to the market yesterday after the severe shake-up of the day before, and at the opening there were buyers for Chinese national currency at HK\$4.50 for 100, for spot and HK\$3.50 for futures.

There was sustained buying throughout the day, at slightly fluctuating prices, but this did not seem to inject much optimism into the market, and at the closing rates remained about the same as at the opening.

### Sugar Receiving Charge

A shop master, Lai Chau, was charged before Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday with receiving nine bags of sugar at No. 54, Des Voeux Road West, ground floor, on Monday, knowing the same to have been stolen.

Mr. Hin Shing Lo appeared for the defence.

At the request of the prosecution the case was adjourned until Saturday for further enquiries to be made.

The sugar was alleged to have been stolen from a ship in harbour, and weighed about 200 pounds per bag.

### TAMAR'S DANCE

A very successful dance organized by the ship's company of H.M.S. Tamar was held last night in the St. John's Cathedral hall.

This was the first dance organized since the Royal Naval Barracks were taken over.

## Little Advance On Earlier Offer

LONDON, Feb. 12. SO LONG AS THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT WILL NOT RECOGNISE THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION NOW THERE WILL BE NO SOLUTION OF THE INDOONESIAN DISCUSSIONS, SAYS THE PERHIMPIONAN INDONESIA (INDONESIAN NATIONALIST) ORGANISATION TO WHICH MANY OF THE PRESENT INDOONESIAN LEADERS BELONGED WHEN THEY WERE STUDENTS.

REFERRING TO THE NEW DUTCH PROPOSAL THE STATEMENT SAYS: "THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE INDOONESIAN PEOPLE IS RECOGNISED, WHICH MEANS A STEP FORWARD IN THE STATEMENTS MADE BY THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT. BUT THERE ARE NO SOLUTIONS."

"This self-determination is not recognised at present when there is already a government in Indonesia, chosen by the people, but Indonesia can freely decide its political destiny after a given period, during which it is believed that conditions which will make possible the taking of the above-mentioned free decision will be fulfilled. No date is mentioned and it is clear that this is in contradiction to the demand of Indonesians to have their right of self-determination recognised now."

TRANSITION PERIOD

"Apart from this main point there are objections, too, against the proposals of the Dutch Government for a 'transition period' in Indonesia. The procedure will be that the Netherlands Government will draft the structure 'consultation with the authorities and representatives of Indonesia' selected from a large variety of groups. What is meant by this variety of groups and by whom will they be selected?"

"Indonesians have their own Government, which has the full backing of all Indonesian Nationalists, including the 'extremists.' The People's Front, now the strongest organisation in Indonesia, composed of Moslems, Socialists, Communists, Youth Organisations, Army officials, stands behind the Indonesian Republican Government, and so all authoritative representatives from large variety of groups have the Republican Government as their spokesman, sticking to 100 per cent independence."

ELECTED OR SELECTED

"There are only a few elements which have no roots at all in the Indonesian community willing to remain under Dutch rule. Will they also be included? Further, there will be a democratic body with a substantial Indonesian majority, but it is not mentioned how this body will be formed, and how suffrage will be. Are there to be elected representatives, appointed representatives, or 'selected' representatives?"

"The Indonesian press gives its objections to the absence of nationhood, external affairs and defence. Will these be carried out by the Government of the Kingdom?"

ANOTHER OBJECTION

"Indonesians have also objections to the position of the head of Government's Executive, appointed by and representing the Crown who all have certain special powers to guarantee the fundamental rights of an efficient administration and sound financial management, which powers shall be exercised only when these rights and interests are affected. This means that the Crown's representative has the full power to bypass the 'democratic body.'"

"The conclusion is that the proposals are in essence the same as those published in November, 1945, with the exception that the right of self-determination is promised in the future, and that 'The Netherlands Government shall promote early admission of the Commonwealth of Indonesia as a member of the United Nations.'"

"The Indonesian standpoint will also remain the same. They will keep claiming at their independence, recognition of it, choosing of their own President, Government, Parliament, external affairs and defence themselves."

REUTERS.

Batavia, Feb. 12. An Indonesian official said today that an answer to the Dutch proposal to establish the Commonwealth of Indonesia may not come for possibly two weeks.

He said the Indonesians are awaiting reaction throughout Java. Associated Press.

## UNO SITE ISSUE STILL UNCERTAIN

LONDON, Feb. 12. The United Nations Assembly Committee chose the Connecticut-New York site as the U.N.O. permanent home by 22 to 17 votes but the close vote indicated a possible hard fight over the choice before the General Assembly, it was reported today.

The French, with some Latin-American and Arab support sought to delay the vote. The French indicated they preferred the San Francisco Bay area.

Objecting earlier to the New York area as either temporary or permanent home, the Arabs contended that the headquarters there would be subject to pressure by 'political groups' established in New York. It was learned privately that they were concerned with Jewish influences there, the effect it might have on the solution of the Palestinian problem.

The Philippine delegate, Pedro Lopez, argued that if the Connecticut-New York site were selected "I would not be surprised to be greeted one morning by pickets carrying signs of 'we don't want the U.N.O. here.'" Associated Press.

## Pope Denies Nazi General's Story

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 12. The Vatican newspaper "Osservatore Romano" yesterday denied the testimony of German General Georg Thoma, at Nuremberg, that the Pope had proposed a world peace plan in 1940, favouring Germany at the expense of the Soviet Union.

The paper issued the denial in answer to a French newspaper which said discovery of a plan for peace, supposed to have been backed by the Pope, had been a "surprising discovery" for the allies. Associated Press.

## Arabs To Maintain Anti-Jewish Boycott

JERUSALEM, Feb. 12. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ARAB LEAGUE SAID YESTERDAY THAT THE ARAB NATIONS WERE DETERMINED TO ENFORCE THE ANTI-JEWISH BOYCOTT DECLARED IN JANUARY AS A MEASURE OF RETALIATION AGAINST THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT WHICH HE ASSERTED BEGAN THE ECONOMIC WARFARE BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS AS FAR BACK AS 1939.

## Five Charged With Robbery

As a sequel to the Wanchai Robbery at No. 228, Hennessy Road, ground floor, five men were arrested and brought before Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday.

The accused were: Chan Fui, Wong Wah, Chan Fui, Ng Yee-man and Ho Sui-ming, who were charged with armed robbery at the above premises.

First accused was charged with possession of a 32 revolver and 29 rounds of ammunition; and second and third accused with possessing two revolvers and 38 rounds at the Shan Kwong Hotel, Happy Valley.

It was alleged that the accused entered the Nam Hoi charcoi shop and robbed the occupants of \$80 in cash, a fountain pen and other articles on the evening of Feb. 9.

At the request of the prosecution, the case was adjourned until Feb. 16, for further enquiries.

SUGAR THEFT Frustrated

Six months' hard labour was imposed on Wong Shiu Ngok, found guilty yesterday by Mr. W. H. Latimer of receiving nine bags of sugar, knowing it to be unlawfully obtained.

Yeung Yan, stevedoring manager of Wang Kee, testified that on Feb. 10 he was supervising the unloading of cargo from the ss. Fort Louis when he noticed bags of sugar being loaded onto a sunban, in which he found nine bags. Accused jumped onto another sunban and escaped.

Mr. Douglas Ross, Chief Officer of the Fort Louis, said he helped in the chase which resulted in the arrest of the accused. The sugar was identified as part of the cargo carried by the Fort Louis.

Accused said that he bought the sugar at \$80 a bag.

Inspector Bethell prosecuted.

## LIGHTNING RAIDS ON CAMP GUARDS

Bad Teck, Germany, Feb. 12. The American Army's newly formed occupation zone constabulary singled lightning raids on displaced persons camps yesterday, designed to search for evidence and break up any attempts by the Poles and Yugoslavs to form organized groups inimical to the present government in Poland and Yugoslavia.

The raids, directed against camps near Munich and Nuremberg, turned up several truckloads of illegal documents and a few firearms.

A Third Army officer said the raids were held to shake the mailed fist at Yugoslav and Polish groups who "must try to mix up soldiers with paper armies." He said no evidence was found that Polish or Yugoslav guards employed by the Americans had been formed into a revolutionary army as charged by Marshal Tito's representatives. Associated Press.

## NOCTURNAL VISIT TO POST OFFICE.

A burglar was arrested in Kowloon Post Office in the early hours of yesterday morning, caught tampering with the registered mail bags.

A light in the Post Office attracted the attention of a member of the staff of the K.C.R., who informed the police, with the result that the intruder was caught on the premises.

## Chungking Jockeying

Chungking, Feb. 12. Negotiations continued behind the scenes on the composition of the reorganized government projected at the recent Political Consultative Conference, which is expected to come into being some time after March 7, on the conclusion of the scheduled plenary session of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang.

Neither the Communist Party nor the Democratic League have submitted nominees for positions on the Executive Yuan or Cabinet, which is to be reshuffled to become an all-party body.

The two parties want to know who the next President of the Executive Yuan—Premier—will be, and what portfolios the government will allot to them before they submit names of their candidates.

There has been no discussion on the distribution of the twenty seats allotted to other parties and non-partisan on the State Council, which is to be reorganized into the highest authority in the country until the Constitution is promulgated. The non-partisan group is reported to have suggested five for themselves, seven for the Communists, four for the Democratic League and four for the Youth Party. Associated Press.

## Hitler Baby Tale Revived

(Continued from Page 1)

"DON'T YOU KNOW?" General Bansa, according to his story, had asked the new assistant: "Where is Eva Braun?" The subsequent conversation, carried on in whispers, ran like this:—

Hoffman's assistant: "Don't you know? She has just had a baby in Italy."

General Bansa: "Where is it?"

Hoffman's assistant: "Yes, but be careful now you talk or I shall lose my head!"

Pursuing his line of enquiry in Munich, Kato called upon "Professor" Braun, subsequently to become Hitler's "father-in-law" and had a long conversation with him. "Without any doubt the Fuhrer intends to marry my daughter," the latter told him. "Whether she will do so in due course is therefore a matter of little importance. The essential point is that Hitler will not now die without a successor."

Kato returned to Berlin, went immediately to his Ambassador and told him the result of his interview, hoping to get the embargo removed. Instead, he was told in no uncertain terms not to write or print one syllable of the story. "Apparently, just to make sure, he was almost immediately recalled to Japan."

Before being virtually banished from Berlin and Germany, Kato made the final attempt to prove—if only for his own satisfaction—his conviction that the announcement of the birth was founded on fact. He went confiding in and sounding a fellow journalist, a German with an intimate knowledge of the lives of the Nazi high-ups.

ASK HITLER

His choice fell on Herr Bernard Leserlin, German-born and of French descent, who had been a correspondent in Berlin for British and American and other foreign newspapers for 12 years and is to-day working for the Special Branch of British Field Security in the German area.

But all that Leserlin knew amounted to this: at about the same time that General Bansa let out the secret, the representatives of all Italian newspapers in Berlin were summoned to the Italian Embassy. There they were told by the Press Attaché, Marchese Antonicini, that he had been asked by the Ambassador to draw their attention to certain rumours then circulating in Berlin, to the effect that Eva Braun had given birth to a son on New Year's Eve in a nursing home in San Remo.

"Under no circumstances are these rumours to appear in the newspapers you represent," they were told. One of these corres-

## NAZI MARSHAL'S DISCLOSURES

NUREMBERG, FEB. 12. JOACHIM VON RIBBENTROP AND ERNST KALTENBRUNNER CONFERRED IN 1943 ON A SCHEME TO FLY BRIBE MONEY TO IRAN TO SWING PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN GERMANY'S FAVOUR. THE SOVIET PROSECUTION CONTENDED IN EVIDENCE PRESENTED ON MONDAY TO THE INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL. THE GESTAPO CHIEF WROTE RIBBENTROP ON JULY 27, 1943, THAT "IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT NATIONALLY ORIENTED IRANIAN CIRCLES EXPECT GERMANY'S INTERVENTION."

Kaltenbrunner claimed "we have made direct contact with Iran," and asked Ribbentrop to supply one million Tomans—(current exchange is 13 Tomans to the Pound Sterling)—for bribing voters in both Teheran and the countryside.

"This money can be sent with the people whom we are sending there by plane."

Field Marshal Frederic Von Paulus who had turned against the Nazis, while he was in a Russian prison camp, named Goering, Kettel and Joffe as the arch planners of Germany's attack on the Soviet Union.

Paulus gave his accusation in person before the defendants facing the International War Crimes Tribunal.

KEITEL'S POSITION

"Keitel was the most important military adviser to Hitler," the gray, thin witness said. He described Goering as Reichsmarschall, commanding the air force and as a plenipotentiary for armament measures.

Paulus, a sharp weapon for the Soviet legal offensive against the Nazi war leaders on trial, described efforts to camouflage German mobilization in the East as measures which "showed a criminal attack was underway."

The aim of Hitler's Soviet campaign was "conquering for purposes of colonization and ruthless exploitation with the means gained therefrom to be used to conduct the war in the west and set up German domination of Europe."

BEYOND STRENGTH

The Fuhrer's original idea of gaining the Volga line was "far beyond the German strength—it was characteristic of the boundless ambition of Hitler and the National Socialist regime."

Paulus told how Hitler admitted that if he failed to obtain the major Russian oilfields then, "I must quit the war."

The German Marshal, defeated at Stalingrad, but who became later the chief German protagonist of Moscow radio, a tall figure in a single breasted blue suit, told the Court how the German High Command estimated that 130 to 140 Divisions would be enough to crush Russia. Associated Press.

pondent's asked boldly: "Are these rumours false, then?" To which he received the reply: "You must ask Herr Hitler that."

While Kato went back to Japan all that he had told Leserlin was carefully locked away, in secret to be revealed only when Germany lost the war, as Leserlin firmly believed she would. That secret has now been told for the first time.

DIPLOMAT'S INDISCRETION

Leserlin is living at Bad Godesburg, a few miles from Bonn, and he kept the secret until he had finished writing his book "Behind the Scenes of the Third Reich". The book may be published some day in Britain, for a translation of it has been sent there, as well as in Germany.

Leserlin told me that on New Year's Eve 1939 a Counsellor at the German Foreign Office was arrested for rashly remarking at a party: "To-day the Fuhrer's son celebrates his first birthday. Let's drink to him!"

I asked him how "Professor" Braun came by this title, since his name does not figure in any recognized pre-war or wartime scholarly reference work I have seen. This was his explanation:—

"Eva Braun's father was just a small-time teacher, but because he was her father she managed to get him the title of 'professor' when her friendship with Hitler began to ripen—just as Hoffman, Hitler's photographer, was given a similar title."

In the course of the pre-view he gave me of his book "Behind the Scenes of the Third Reich" Leserlin told me this intimate incident of Hitler's private life—narrated from Kaplan's Fritz Wedemeyer, a friend of his who was on Hitler's personal staff.

As we saw Eva Braun who gave Hitler his first pair of trousers—as a Christmas present in 1935. In deference to Hitler's taste as shown in his paintings and architectural designs, which invariably featured bright colours and massive supporting columns, they had thick stripes in rich colours. But he forsook the night shirt he had always worn before to wear them.

REUTERS.

## STOP PRESS

LONDON, Feb. 12. The Egyptian delegates at the U.N.O. Security Council session today on the Indonesian problem submitted the following proposal, which will be discussed when the Council meet again to-morrow night at 9 p.m.

"After hearing the declarations of the representatives for Ukraine, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and the Soviet Union, the Security Council declares, regarding the presence of British troops in Indonesia, that it is clearly understood that British troops shall not be used against the Indonesian nationalist movement and that British troops will be withdrawn from Indonesia as soon as their strictly limited tasks—releasing prisoners of war, etc.—have been accomplished."

Regarding the situation cited by the Indonesian nationalist movement, while we are happy that negotiations which have started between the Indonesian leaders and the Netherlands Government will rapidly reach a solution, inspired by the aims and principles of the Charter, the Council expresses its wish to be informed in a short time the results of these negotiations and also reserves its right to take further action as it thinks proper."

Agreeing with the Chairman that the Council should adjourn to study this proposal, the Soviet delegate, M. Vyshinsky ended to-day's meeting with these words: "If we then fail to reach an agreed solution, each delegation will maintain its own independent position."

REUTERS.

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